

REMARKS

The original application was filed in Japanese and applicants submit herewith a substitute specification including claims, abstract and drawings, to support the verified translation and to properly place the application in U.S. format.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 3-5 and 7 being independent. Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to correct a minor typographical and grammatical errors and claim 6 has been amended to remove the multiple dependency. New claims 9-12 have been added. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants ask that the application be examined in view of the amendments made herein.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1312 for the filing fee (\$770), additional claims fees (\$172), surcharge fees (\$260), and extension of time fee (\$110). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050

Respectfully submitted,

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